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Office of the Army Attache
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S-58-54, CARMA 095

Rome, Italy
22 November 1954

SUBJECT: Clandestine Arms Shipment to Tunisia (C)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

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2. One of the members of the group of traffickers, an Arab who was recently killed by a French unit on the Libyan-Tunisian border, carried notes containing various addresses in Rome, notably those of four ex-Fascists, and the name DANTONE - Rome. Source believes this name to be a misspelling of DADONE, an ex-colonel who served in Italian Intelligence (S.I.M.) as an expert on Arab and Middle-Eastern affairs and who still maintains numerous contacts with Arabs.

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